

## **ADA Invocation, July 26, 1990**

*Held in the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C.*

Let my people go was your decree, O God, commanding that all your children be freed from the bonds of slavery.

**Invocation: “Today we celebrate the breaking of the chains which have held back millions of Americans with disabilities. Today we celebrate the granting to them of full citizenship and access to the promised land of work, service and community. Bless this gathering, this joyous celebration. Bless our president as he signs the Americans with Disabilities Act and strengthen our resolve as we take up the task knowing that our work has just begun. Bless the American people and move them to discard those old beliefs and attitudes that limit and diminish those among us with disabilities. Our prayer is in your name, O God, whom we call by many names. The God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Allah, the compassionate and merciful one; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and of Rebekah, Sarah and Ruth; the ground of all being; the infinite source of love and light. Amen.”**

(read by Rev. Harold Wilke)

Bush referenced “There are 43 million Americans with disabilities” at the time of this signing.